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| <i>In re</i> application of: |) | Examiner: | Anish Gupta |
| HAMMERMAN |) | Art Unit: | 1653 |
| Serial No.: | 09/222,460 |) | |
| Filed: | December 29, 1998 |) | |
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| | IMPROVING FUNCTION OF EMBRYONIC |) | |
| | KIDNEY TRANSPLANTS |) | |

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Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the non-final Office Action mailed August 1, 2002 in connection with the predecessor of this application, Serial No.: 09/222,460, filed December 29, 1998. The Continued Prosecution Application and the Preliminary Amendment are submitted within the three month statutory period of the August 1, 2002 office action, making this a timely response. The fee for filing the Continued Prosecution Application of \$370.00 under 37 CFR §1.16(a) is submitted